

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1-28 (in part)**Remark on Protest**

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The International Searching Authority has determined that this international application contains multiple (groups of) inventions, namely

1. Claims 1-28 (in part)

polypeptides or polynucleotides that are coded by Seq. Id. No. 1, 2 and 3, and methods of using them.

2. Claims 1-28 (in part)

polypeptides or polynucleotides that are coded by Seq. Id. No. 6, 7 and 8, and methods of using them.

3. Claims 1-28 (in part)

polypeptides or polynucleotides that are coded by Seq. Id. No. 4 and 5, and methods of using them.

4. Claims 1-28 (in part)

polypeptides or polynucleotides that are coded by Seq. Id. No. 9 and 10, and methods of using them.

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